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This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 of the above-identified application.

Art Unit

- 1. SUBMISSION REQUIRED UNDER 37 CFR §1.114
- a. 

  Previously submitted
  - i. Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 CFR §1.116 previously filed on 22 Nov 2003.

(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered.)

ii. O Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on \*\*\*\*\*\*.

iii. 🖸 Other

b. D Enclosed

i. 

Amendment/Reply

- ii. D Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
- iii. 

  Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
- iv.  $\square$  Other

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Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR §1/103(c) for a period of \*\* months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 CFR §1.17(i) required).

b. • Other

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i. 

RCE fee required under 37 CFR §1.17(e)

ii. Extension of time fee (37 CFR §§1.136 and 1.17)

iii. • Other

b. • Check in the amount of \$ enclosed

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